

House File 128 - Introduced

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BY SALMON

A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the penalty for lending a motor vehicle to
2 a person whose driver's license has been revoked due to a
3 conviction for operating-while-intoxicated.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321J.4B, subsection 4, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. An owner of a motor vehicle impounded or immobilized
4 under this section, who knows of, should have known of,
5 or gives consent to the operation of, the motor vehicle in
6 violation of subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),
7 shall be both of the following:
8 a. Guilty of a ~~simple~~ serious misdemeanor, ~~and~~.
9 b. Jointly and severally liable for any damages caused
10 by the person who operated the motor vehicle, subject to the
11 provisions of chapter 668.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 Current law prohibits the owner of a motor vehicle from
16 allowing the operation of the motor vehicle by a person whose
17 driver's license has been suspended, denied, revoked, or
18 barred due to a conviction for operating-while-intoxicated. A
19 violation of this provision is a simple misdemeanor. A simple
20 misdemeanor is punishable by up to 30 days in prison and a \$625
21 fine under Code section 903.1.

22 This bill increases the penalty for a violation of the
23 provision to a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is
24 punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$1,875 fine under
25 Code section 903.1.